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H. R. 1654

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits against income tax for qualified stem cell research, the storage of qualified stem cells, and the donation of umbilical cord blood.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2009

Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. BARTLETT) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cures Can Be Found
5 Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. QUALIFIED STEM CELL CREDITS.**

7 (a) **PERSONAL CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED STEM CELL**
8 **RESEARCH, STORAGE, AND DONATION.**—Subpart A of

1 part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Rev-
 2 enue Code of 1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal
 3 credits) is amended by inserting after section 25D the fol-
 4 lowing new section:

5 **“SEC. 25E. QUALIFIED STEM CELL RESEARCH, STORAGE,**
 6 **AND DONATION CREDIT.**

7 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—There shall be al-
 8 lowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chap-
 9 ter—

10 “(1) an amount equal to the qualified stem cell
 11 research and storage contribution paid by the tax-
 12 payer during a taxable year, and

13 “(2) \$2,000 for each qualified umbilical cord
 14 blood donation made by the taxpayer during a tax-
 15 able year.

16 “(b) QUALIFIED STEM CELL RESEARCH AND STOR-
 17 AGE CONTRIBUTION.—For purposes of this section—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified stem
 19 cell research and storage contribution’ means the
 20 amounts donated by the taxpayer to an eligible facil-
 21 ity for the purpose of promoting qualified stem cell
 22 research or the storage of qualified stem cells.

23 “(2) QUALIFIED STEM CELL.—For purposes of
 24 this section, the term ‘qualified stem cell’ means a
 25 human stem cell obtained from a human placenta,

1 umbilical cord blood, amniotic fluid, an organ or tis-
 2 sue of a living or deceased human being who has
 3 been born, or an organ or tissue of unborn human
 4 offspring who died of natural causes (such as spon-
 5 taneous abortion).

6 “(3) ELIGIBLE FACILITY.—The term ‘eligible
 7 facility’ means a research institution or storage facil-
 8 ity that does not engage in research relating to stem
 9 cells derived from human embryos and does not
 10 store stem cells derived from human embryos.

11 “(c) QUALIFIED UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD DONA-
 12 TION.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified
 13 umbilical cord blood donation’ means the donation by the
 14 taxpayer, on the occasion of the birth of a child of the
 15 taxpayer, of—

16 “(1) the neonatal blood remaining in the pla-
 17 centa and umbilical cord after separation of the
 18 mother from the newborn baby, or

19 “(2) any other part of the umbilical cord.

20 “(d) FILING REQUIREMENTS.—

21 “(1) MARRIED INDIVIDUALS.—If the taxpayer
 22 is married at the close of the taxable year, the credit
 23 shall be allowed under subsection (a)(2) only if—

24 “(A) the taxpayer and his spouse file a
 25 joint return for the taxable year, or

1 “(B) the taxpayer is the mother of the
2 child referred to in subsection (c).

3 “(2) INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MARRIED.—If
4 the taxpayer is not married at the close of the tax-
5 able year, the credit shall be allowed under sub-
6 section (a) only if the taxpayer is the mother of the
7 child referred to in subsection (c).

8 “(3) MARITAL STATUS.—An individual legally
9 separated from his spouse under a decree of divorce
10 or of separate maintenance shall not be considered
11 as married.”.

12 (b) BUSINESS RELATED CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED
13 RESEARCH AND STORAGE.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-
14 chapter 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after sec-
15 tion 45Q the following new section:

16 **“SEC. 45R. QUALIFIED STEM CELL RESEARCH AND STOR-**
17 **AGE CREDITS.**

18 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38—

19 “(1) QUALIFIED STEM CELL RESEARCH CRED-
20 IT.—The qualified stem cell research credit deter-
21 mined under this paragraph for any taxable year is
22 equal to 100 percent of the expenses paid or in-
23 curred by the taxpayer during the taxable year that
24 are directly related to qualified stem cell research.

1 “(2) QUALIFIED STEM CELL STORAGE CRED-
2 IT.—The qualified stem cell storage credit deter-
3 mined under this paragraph for any taxable year is
4 equal to—

5 “(A) 50 percent of the expenses paid or in-
6 curred by the taxpayer during the taxable year
7 to establish a storage facility for qualified stem
8 cells, and

9 “(B) 20 percent of the expenses paid or in-
10 curred by the taxpayer during the taxable year
11 to maintain the storage facility described in
12 subparagraph (A).

13 “(b) LIMITATION.—With respect to a qualified stem
14 cell storage facility for which an amount determined under
15 subparagraph (A) of subsection (a)(2) has been allowed
16 as a credit in a taxable year, the amount determined under
17 such subparagraph with respect to such storage facility
18 in a subsequent taxable year shall be zero.

19 “(c) QUALIFIED STEM CELL.—For purposes of this
20 section, the term ‘qualified stem cell’ means a human stem
21 cell obtained from a human placenta, umbilical cord blood,
22 amniotic fluid, an organ or tissue of a living or deceased
23 human being who has been born, or an organ or tissue
24 of unborn human offspring who died of natural causes
25 (such as spontaneous abortion).”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) Section 38(b) is amended by striking “plus”
 3 at the end of paragraph (34), by striking the period
 4 at the end of paragraph (35) and inserting “, plus”,
 5 and by adding at the end the following:

6 “(36) the qualified stem cell research and stor-
 7 age credits determined under section 45O(a).”.

8 (2) The table of sections for subpart A of part
 9 IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is
 10 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
 11 tion 25D the following new item:

“Sec. 25E. Qualified stem cell research, storage, and donation credit.”.

12 (3) The table of sections for subpart D of part
 13 IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is
 14 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
 15 tion 45N the following new item:

“Sec. 45R. Qualified stem cell research and storage credits.”.

16 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 17 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 18 December 31, 2008.

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